## Frauds and Failures.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Frauds and failures have become so numer ous as to require an especial column for their record in some of the daily papers north of the Potomac; and indications are that whole sheets will soon be required to chronicle similar events transpiring south of that river.

That which we shall now particularly note is of a character to cause amasement that any honest community will even tolerate the pro posal of such an outrage on common honesty and public morals.

The case we refer to as now being developed is that of a formerly highly respected F. F. V., the head of which some years since desired to improve her estate for the future benefit of her sons and their decendants. To accomplish this she was compelled to borrow considerable sums of money (part from members of her own house hold) which was easily obtained at 6 per cent on her then untarnished name without other security.

The money was expended in making big ditches, improved roads, and other improve ments, that would be for the benefit of her sons and their descendants. The interest was promptly paid until interrupted by an unpleasantness with some of her neighbors, who arro gated to themselves the superintendence of her domestic affairs, and who eventually despoiled her of not only all of her working force, but one third of her estate also.

After recovering somewhat from these disasters, and being still anxious to comply with her plighted faith, she evoked the assistance of some of her sons to devise measures that would enable her to meet her obligations. They advised an apportioning of one-third of the responsibility to the possessors of the property that had been wrested from her, and to give new bonds for the remainder. The holders of the original obligations promptly acquiesed, and supposed that the adjustment was to be permanent, &c.

And so it went on until the extravagant ex penditures for support of her establishment left but little means to meet the obligations of this still respected F. F. V. When other sons were called in to advise as to what must or could be done to relive her from dishonor, they believing that the income from the estate could not be increased, nor the expenses materially diminished, and being determined that every child, white and black, on the estate, should be educated at the sacrifice of every oreditor, concluded to advise another readjustment that would force the holders of the obligations bear ing 6 per cent interest to exchange them for others promising 3 per cent, provided enough can be spared from more favored objects. Thus creditors are to be compelled to take promises for 50 cents in the dollar with no security that this will be paid.

Surely the original obligations of F. F. V. were quite as sacred as any that can now be advised by her sons, who say that they are apprehensive their people will grumble at the liberality displayed in the terms proposed .--Such apprehensions of the honesty of those who will hereafter have opportunities for readjusting are not calculated to strengthen confidence in the proposed new bonds.

To thus forcibly compel a surrender of something of a promised value and give in exchange a doubtful obligation for only half the amount, seems to us to be but little short of robbers.

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A highwayman will sometimes permit his victim to retain part of his own property, and bank robbers often return a large part of their plunder as hush money. What better do these new advisers of F. F. V. propose? They advise to forcibly take from the bondholders prop erty that has been secured to them by law and sacred premises and give in exchange 'as hush money' one half the nominal value in promises discredited before being offered, and which will scarcely be worth the paper issued on.

But it is said "when these three per cent bonds are sent out it will be with a determination that they shall be paid as F. F. V. ought not to promise anything she can't pay. Are we to infer from this that it was not designed to pay her former promises, and that she intentionally perpetrated a fraud upon her ereditors when issuing these bonds for two-thirds of their original claims, with an order on another party fer the other third. Some deference, at least, was then paid to her creditors, but now the matter is to be settled without any intermedling of theirs; "no conference is wanted," as F. F. V.'s advisors know that the heavy demand for "household expenses" and schooling will scarcely leave enough to pay 50 cents on the dollar to the victims of misplaced confidence, who must be grateful for the liberality that allows even that much. We thus find advocates in high positions for measures that are but a short step property. Be the abstraction 50 per cent or 10 per cent, the principle and example is the same and will be as pernicious. When it is found soon follow a cry for a general division of property. There are plenty of demagogues ready to ride into power and position on the "mule" that he will promise—with 80 acres of land—to every man that will vote for him. How suicidal it is to even discuss such pernicious propositions, for surely no sane man would think of bringing means to buy property and settle among a people on the brink of communism. What a difference does the world now witness on either side of the Potomac? Before Maryland's Legislature there is a bill now pending to erect a monument in grateful remembrance of ex Gov. Pratt for his proposal and bold advocacy of measures, when his State was in default, with her bonds under 40, which restored her to the honorable position that is now the pride of her citizens. Mary land bonds are now worth 110, or 10 per cent. above par. Before Virginia's Legislature a bill is pending which already has depreciated her bonds considerably, and if passed will cause her sons to hang their heads in shame. Virginia bonds are worth 53, or near 50 per cent. below par.

While not to the manner born, we are nevertheless as sensitive for the preservation of an untarnished name for our adopted mother as any of the sons of Virginia. Nor are we a bloated bondholder or interested pecuniarily, land as postmaster. except as a holder of property, on which we pay to the State a large sum for taxes; but we

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, -The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday :-

A. H. Poole, to be United States Marshal for California; George W. F. Vernon, to be Surveyor of Customs for the Port of Baltimore; John C. Carpenter, Collector of Internal Revenue for Kansas; Frank N. Wicker, Collec-

The Senate has confirmed the following nom-

torneys-Lansford L. Lewis, for the Eastern in one batch; some of them two weeks old, District of Virginia; Calvin G. Child, for the

## LOCAL MATTERS.

CHURCH SERVICES, &c., To-MORROW. CHRIST CHURCH -Service at 11 a. m. and 7 30 . m. by Rev. Mr. Dame. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH-Service at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Norton.

GRACE CHURCH—Service at 11 a. m. by Rev.

Geo. A. Smith... No service at night.

St. Mary's Church-Mass at 7 and 11 a. m. Vespers at 4 p. m. Union Presbyr'n. Church (First Church) Service in the morning and at night by Rev. Dr. Bullock. Children's meeting at 3 p. m. SECOND PRESBYT'N. CHURCH-Service morn-

ing by Rev. E. W. Andrews, and at night by Rev. W. C Webb. METH. EPIS. CHURCH—Service at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. C. Webb. At night Rev. E. W. Andrews will deliver a lecture to young men. Subject, "The formation of Character." At 6:30 p. m. young reople's meeting.

METH. EPIS. CHURCH SOUTH-Service at 11 a. m. and 7 80 p. m. by Rev. W. K. Boyle. METH. PROT. CHURCH-Sermon at 11 a. m and 7 30 p. m. by Rev. W. R. Graham. Children's meeting at 3 p. m. Subject at night, by special request, "Jesus wept."

BAPTIST CHURCH—Service morning and at

night by Rev. Mr. Penick. GERMAN LUTHERAN-Service at 7.30 p. m. Young Men's CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Prayer meeting in the Union Presb'n. Church at 4 p m. Alms House at 21 p.m. Jail at 31 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES .- War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washngton, D. C., Jan. 19, 1878-10:30 a. m .-For the Middle States, warmer, clear or partly cloudy weather, followed by increasing cloudiness and rain, southerly winds and falling bar-

SAREPTA HALL.-The grand opening of Sarepta Hall, under the new regime, last night, was a decided success. The hall was crowded with an audience composed of many of the very best citizens of Alexandria, accompanied by their families, besides a number of visitors from Washington. The performance was unexceptionable, and it is a cause for congratulation that Alexandria has at last secured a place where the most refined can pass an evening without having their delicacy shocked. The changes in the hall itself have been heretofore noticed in the Gazette. Suffice it here to say that everything has been arranged in the most tasteful manner, and as thoroughly as time and space would permit. Perhaps the only exception is the drop curtaio, which is of the "advertising" order, and in its effect reminds the audience of the havee wrought by the peripatetic sign painters who wander over the country defacing natural scenery with patent medicine advertisements, so that when the tourist goes to stated above the performance was very good, and all of the participants were rapturously applauded The opening address and reading by Prof. E. B. Hay were excellent, and the the comedy of "A Widow Hunt," Miss Kate Goodall, as Mrs. Swansdown; Mr. James F. Joyce, as Major Wellington de Boots; Mr. T. Sailor, as Felix Featherby, and Miss Mamie Wallace, as Mrs. Featherby, were unsurpassable in their respective parts. To night the same programme will be repeated with the addition of the farce of "A Regular Fix." Toconvenienced some persons last night.

WEDDING IN FAIRFAX.-The Washington Republican says:-"One of the pleasantest so cial gatherings of the season was that which assembled last Thursday at the residence of Col. J. M. Lewis, at Benvenn's, four miles below Mount Vernop. The occasion was the marriage of his daughter, Miss Tinnie Lewis, to Mr. F. N. Price, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The clouds, which in the morning seemed unpropitious, were dispelled soon after midday, and on at a Sacrifice. the arrival of the guests by the steamer Arrow. which, through the courtesy of Captain Frank Hollingshead, was allowed to proceed beyond its usual destination, the sun shone brightly. — Hills and vales and the lovely river seemed clad in unusual beauty in honor of so fair a bride.-The ceremony was performed by Rov. Dr. Elliott, of the Church of the Ascension, Washington, D. C. The happy couple left for Richmond the same evening on a short bridal tour. Mrs. Price was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Hayes. After the ceremony the Colonel and Mrs. Lewis provided a bounti ful repast, and at half past two o'clock in the afternoon the wedding party returned to Wash-

SWINDLER ARRESTED. - A man named Wm. F. Lee was arrested, in Baltimore, yesterday, on the charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. He presented a forged from communism, which will surely and speeding note to a lady, purporting to be from her hus ly follow the adoption of any measure that deband, and asking that a small amount of money prives persons from their legal guaranteed be sent him. Among the papers on his person was an order of Dr. J. B. Johnson, Mayor of Alexandria, appointing him a special policeman. The captain of police states that Lee that persons holding prominent positions can, was around this city for sometime last year, with impunity, propose to forcibly take away one-half of the property of others, then will was sent on, in Baltimore, for the action of the grand jury.

> SEEKING A PARDON.—Messrs. W. W. Walker and J. B. Sener, counsel for A. C. Brankam, who was convicted during the late term of the U. S. Court in this city of robbing the mail while postmaster at Monaskon, Laneaster county, Va., have been in Washington for a day or 'wo past endeavoring to obtain a pardon for him from the President. Branham is meanwhile confined in the jail of this city.

> DEATHS. - Joseph Jefferson, a well known river man, and formerly pilot on the steamer Fairy, died at Farmington, yesterday after a

Mrs. W. W. Dinwiddie, the aged mother of Rev. Wm. Dinwiddie of this city, died at Greenwood, Albemarle county, last night. She had been a sufferer for a long time from a chronic

NEW POSTOFFICES.—Several new postoffices were established in Virginia, yesterday by the Po. Department, among them a new office at Mechanicsville, Loudoun county, on the route from Hillsboro' to Harper's Ferry, with John E. Kidwell as postmaster; also at Crozet, Al-bemark county, Va., on the route from Rich-mond to Huntington, W. Va., with A. Way-

ACCIDENT. - A son of Rev. W. S. Penick, iving on Washington street near Duke, ran a unil in his knee, a few day since, but the wound was considered trifling. Yesterday evening, however, the pain became very intense, and fears were entertained of lockjaw. This morning his condition was much easier, and he is supposed to be out of danger.

SUDDEN DEATH. - Rebecco Nickens, an old colored woman living on St. Asaph street, between Gibbon and Franklin, died suddenly, about eleven o'clock this morning of heart ditor of Customs at Key West; George William- sease. She arose this morning at her regular son, of Louisiana, Collector of Customs at New time and seemed as well as usual up to a few

ARLINGTON POSTOFFICE .- Much complaint George P. Fester, to be United States Mar is made of the management of the postoffice, at shal for the District of Vermont. Collectors Arlington, in this county. A gentleman living of Customs—Augustus Putnam, for the District near there states, that after sending daily to of Middletown, Conn.; James R. Jolley, for the postoffice for two weeks, without getting the District of Teche, I.a. United States At. | any mail, he, yesterday, received fifteen letters

ness, etc. Price only 25 cents. Sold every. the position of Flour Inspector, now filled by at 88 King st, corner of Royal, by Mr. John S. Taylor.

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ALEXANDRIA POSTMASTER .- The Alexandria correspondent of the Washington Post says :- "Mr. A. A. Warfield is highly spoken says :- W. G. Nantes, etq , a merchant residthe coming man, judging from the general ex matter. He is a native and of long residence."

CORPORATION COURT - Judge E. M. Lowe presiding .- CONTINUATION OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS .- A. and P. Dwser vs. B. Tay-Court adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

M. P. CHURCH .- Judge Andrew's lecture to young men, which was postponed on account of the weather, will be delivered to-morrow night. Young men are especially invited to

PERSONAL .- Mr. Alexander Hunter, mem ber of the House of Delegates, from this county, was in the city to day.

### Local Brevities.

The Alexandria Minstrels, a troupe of young gentlemen of this city, will give an entertain ment at Sarepta Hall on Monday night. They

promise an agreeable evening to all. Letters addressed to W. G. Allan, Bryan Texas, and Mrs. Julia A. McQuino, Balti more, Md., are detained in the postoffice here for want of postage.

Miss Mary Sullivan, of Alexandria county, was thrown from a wagon and severely injured, in Washington, yesterday.

The dam of Mr. Wm. J. Holland's ice pond, back of the soldiers' cemetery, gave away yes terday. The regular monthly meeting of the Young

Men's Christian Association will be held or Monday night. Mrs. F. C. Wood, of this city, was yesterday

appointed a clerk in the dead letter office in Washington. Prof. Leon's Ghost Show will exhibit a Sarepta Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday

nights next. The Committee on Claims of the City Coun

cil will meet to night. Ask your druggist for Lodell's Headache Specific. It cures headache in 5 to 20 minutes. Costs but 50c. Sold by every druggist in Alexandria. Durang's Rheumatic Remedy cures

rheumatism without fail. A GENTLE HINT .- In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperaturevisit some beautiful rocky glen he is confronted rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a with the advice to "use Squigg's Bitters." As single day-it is no wonder that our children friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, singing of Misses Goodall and Lucas very a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death, by the sweet, while the humorous recitations by Miss use of three or four doses For curing Con-Ware kept the house in a roar of laughter. In the comedy of "A Widow Hunt," Miss Kate Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village on this continent.

To Raise Money.—My fine

Sample bottles for trial 10c; regular size 753.

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Furnishing Goods will be sold out

S. DEALHAM,

62 King st., cor. Fairfax.

#### AMUSEMENTS. SAREPTA HALL

THAD, K. SAILER, J. M. Hill & Co., - Lessees and Man.

IMMENSE SUCCESS LAST NIGHT

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

On Saturday evening, January 19, the amusing comedy, in three acts, entitled,

# A WIDOW HUNT."

The performance to conclude with the laugh-

# A REGULAR FIX.

Admission 50 cents: Gallery 25 cents. R

erved seats 25 cents extra. Doors open at 7; curtain rises at 8 sharp.

AREPTA HALL. LOOK OUT FOR

GHOST

DRAMATIC COMPANY,

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 & 24

MATINEE WEDNESDAY at 2 o'clock

Old time prices 25 and 50 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats, Reserved seats for sale at Janney's, Cor. King and Royal Streets.

Doors open at 7; curtain rises at 8.

WANTS. WANTED-A SITUATION in a school or private family by a lady who has had much experience in teaching the usual English branches, French and Music. She can give the best of references. Address TEACHER, B. C., Alexandria, Va.

Families wanting
CHOICE FAMILY BACON
can find such as cannot be surpassed, embracing
40,000 POUNDS OF SUGAR OURED HAMS, SHOULDERS,

Orleans, vice King; Wm. W. Galt, Assistant minutes before her death. Dr. French was sent of my own curing, put up with the care, which egg. \$3.50; stove, \$3.75; chestnut, \$3.25; Paymaster of the Navy.

I am selling at the follor eing low prices: Hams Philadelphia Coal Co's. Lehigh lump, \$3.75; at 12tc; Breast or Break ist Pieces at 10c, and Shoulders and Sides at 93. All who want a prime article of Bacon at low figures should call on SAM'L. J. REED, jan 18 No. 74 south Fairfax st.

BIRD CAGES! BIRD CAGES!! BIRD CAGITSIII All kinds of Bird Cages and ca ge fixtures constantly on hand; also breeding c ages and Gravel and gravel paper for the seme a t

McLEAN & UHLER'S,

Virginia News. of for the postmastership, and he seems to be ing at Garrisonville, sustained a serious loss by the high water of Monday last. It seems that he pression of original of many questioned on the started his son, a boy twelve years of age, with a two horse wagon loaded with eggs, butter, dressed pou'try, &c., to Richland station. The boy on reaching Aquia run found it very much swollen, but made an attempt to cross when the current which was very sir ug washed them lor; in ejectment; jury and verdict for defendant. all down the stream, drawing on hors; and carrying away the goods Th. by, one of the horses and the wagon were receued about a mile below.

The Staunton Vindicator says: - Capt. Wm. Anderson, conductor on the C. & O. Railroad and Miss Neltie Cartmell, a daughter of N. M. Cartmell, the proprietor of the American Hotel, at Staunton, went down the railroad for a walk. On getting about the Parker House, a commencement of the late civil war he entered half mile below the city, Capt. A. found the through freight train standing on the track and he has been crier of the City Court of this city. the couple got aboard the conductor's car, went to Washington and the next heard from them they were married.

Major Robert P. Archer, who has been appointed by Governor Holliday one of the honorary commissioners to represent Virginia at the Paris Exposition, has made his arrangements to give a practical exhibition of the process of manufacturing Virginia tobacco similar to the one he gave at the Centennial at Philadelphia. He will take with him a colored quartette, who will sing the old slave songs in the Exposition Hall in Paris, while they deftly manipulate the raw leaf.

The population of Richmond is estimated to be 77.500, divided as follows: - White 44,400,

colored 33,100. The Richmond Dispatch estimates the Moffett whiskey punch law will yield \$600,000 per year, \$100,000 more than at first estimated.

The wife of John Esten Cooke, died suddenly at the residence of her husband in Clarke county, last Tuesday. A mine of anthracite coal has been opened

near Stribling Springs. Mr. Brooke's Bill for the Beadjust-

ment of the Public Debt. The bill for the readjustment of the public debt, offered in the Senate on Thursday by Senator Brooke, after reciting in its preamble the necessity of some measure to secure the prompt payment of interest to all classes of creditors without increasing the present rate of interest, and thus removing the excitement in the public mind, growing out of contrariant views as to the justice and equity of the funding bill, provides as follows:

1st. That all owners of coupon tax-receivable bonds issued under the provisions of the funding bill, or of registered bonds and fractional certificates legally fundable under the provisions of said act, as amended by the act of March 7 1872, in such coupon-receivable bonds, may exchange the same for new four-per-cent. bonds dated 1st July, 1878 and payable thirty-four years after date, but redeemable after ten years; said bonds to be either registered or coupon at at the option of the party making the exchange, but when once issued to be no further exchange able, except that coupon bond holders may exchange for registered bonds, the coupons to be payable semi-annually, and to be receivable for taxes, dues, and demands due to the State, except the capitation tax, the tax levied for free 51 and 52 for mixed and yellow. No Rye reschools, and fines imposed for offences against ported, and 75 bushels of inferior Oats sold at 30. the State; past due coupons to remain as under the funding bill, or invested in non-interest bearing certificates, redeemable at the pleasure

2d. That the bonds so issued shall be subject to the condition that by the concurrent action of the Governor and General Assembly the re-ceivability of the coupons shall be suspended in times of war or rebellion so long as the necessity

for such suspension shall continue.

3d. That the State of Virginia will hold herself bound for the West Virginia certificates in no other manner and to no further extent than to account for any moneys she may receive from

West Virginia,
4tb. That when three-fourths of the consol debt (including bonds and fractional certificates legally fundable under the act of July 30, 1871 amended as above) shall have been exchanged under the provisions of the 1st section, that the peeler bonds (as of their full principal amount) and the other unfunded bonds and stocks (as of twothirds their principal amount) may be exchanged in like manner as provided for in the 1st section; and that in the meanwhile any person owning consol bonds and bonds of the peeler or unfunded kinds in proportions in amount of three of the first to one of the latter (deducting in the case of unfunded bonds one third of the principial) may exchange said bonds to their gross amount in four per cent. bonds, as provid-

ed in the first section. 5th. The bonds known as sterling bonds may be exchanged as to two-thirds of their principal. either in new sterling bonds or at the option of their holders in bonds as provided for in the first

6th. Any executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, committee, or other fiduciary may exchange any bonds, stock, &c., held by him and exchangeable under this act for new four per cent. bonds of the kind mentioned in the first section, and such exchange shall be deemed to be judicious and proper in any case where his action may be brought into question.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED .-The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments of the Legislature have agreed to report in favor of several changes of the present constitution. They will recommend the abolition of the present county court system and the substitution therefor of the old justices' court, and they propose the appointment by the Governor of four justices from each magisterial district, whose regular term shall be eight years, but the first justices appointed shall be divided into four classes, and that one fourth of them, including one from each district, shall vacate at the end of two years; one fourth at the end of four years, and one fourth at the end of six years; and that after the first appointment the county court shall elect justices to fill all vacancies, either by expiration of term or otherwise, to be commissioned by the Governor on their certificate of

They have agreed not to propose an amendment striking out the second section of the act prohibiting the taxing of the taking and catch-

ing of oysters with tongs.

They have agreed to report an amendment relieving the judges of the Supreme Court from writing and preserving their opinions in all

cases I egving it to their discretion. They have agreed to strike out the 21st section of the 5th article, which provides for the annual regist ation of births, marriages and

The committee propose further amending the constitution so as to abolish the board of supervisors and devolve their duties upon the county court, which is to be composed of all the justices when sitting for the purpose of settling accounts and laying the county levy.—Rich. Disputch.

Coal Prices.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- The Lehigh Valley loal Company has issued a circular announcing that for the present the following will be the prices for their coal per ton, delivered on board of vessels at Perth Amboy, N. J.:—Spring Mountain Lehig'b lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; egg, \$3.50; stove, \$3.75; chestout, \$3.25; Spring Brook Lehigh lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; egg, \$3.30; stove, \$3.75; chestnut, \$3.25; Jedd's Lehigh lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; egg, \$3.50; stove, \$3.75; chestnut, \$3.25; Highland Lehigh lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; Highland Lehigh lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; highland Lehigh lump, \$3.75; broken, \$3.50; Philadelphia Coal Co's. Lebigh lump, \$3.75 steamboat, \$3.50; broken, \$3.50; egg, \$3.50; stove, \$3.75; chestnut, \$3.25; Wyoming steamboat, \$3 50; broken, \$3.25; egg, \$3.35; stove, \$3.75; Franklin Wilkesbarre broken, \$3.25; egg, \$3,35; stove, \$3.75.

Deserters.

BOSTON, Jan'y. 19.-The schr Rubins, from | sale at Fayal, arrived here last night with 59 deserters District of Connecticut.

Life is short at most, and our duty is to prolong it. Use, therefore, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for coughs, colds, bronchitis, hoarse ness, etc. Price only 25 cents. Sold every.

Mr. John S. Taylor.

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Inspector for this city.—Inspector for this city.—Inspector for this city.—Insp the custom house officers to-day.

The Silver Bill.

A correspondent of the Fredericksourg News New York, Jan. 19—At the Maritine Exchange:—W. G. Nantes, etq., a merchant residing yesterday the following memorial to congress was signed by many merchants and brokers and representatives of the leading marine underwriters, steamship companies and

shipping houses of the city:—
"We, the undersigned, members of the Maritime Association of the port of New York, feel it to be our duty to remonstrate against any legis lation that shall make silver an unlimited legal tender, as in our opinion such legislation would unsettle values, disturb confidence, retard resumption in gold and impair the national credit."

Death of Commodore Hollins. BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—Commodore Geo. N. Hollins died in this city at ten o'clock last night, of paralysis, aged 79 years. It was he who, in command of the sloop of war Cyane, bombarded Greytown, Nicarauga, in 1854. At the the Confederate service. For the past few years

Mr. Morrissey's Condition. Jackson, Fla., January 19.-Mr. Morrissev

passed a comfortable night, and is quite cheerful this morning. The prospects of his recovery seem very favorable. THE SPANISH MARRIAGE. - It has been offi-

cially ascertained that there will be no postponement of the time heretofore designated for the marriage of the King of Spain-namely, the 23d of January. The announcement that it was postponed until the 2d of February was therefore incorrect. The Spanish Minister, at Washington, is now making arrangements for the celebration

of the event on the 23d inst., by a grand party to take place at Wormley's Hotel, where the Minister and his family are sojourning. France, England, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Belgium have already sent or will send Ambassadors to Madrid in great pomp, with large retinues of secretaries and attaches, to attend the marriage ceremony, and thus express their royal approbation of the union.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Postoffice in this city January 19. Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, in Washington. Harris, Miss Anna, col

Bryant, Mrs A Beach, Mrs E M Jeffers, J Clark, John D Clark, Miss J Carroll, Mrs Maria Claggett, Thos J Davis, Henry C Day, George Edwards, Miss Bettie Escles, Washington

Johnson, James Jett, Mrs L A Kesting, Miss Mary McCartney, Miss Fanny Patton, Ferdinand Parker, Edward Russell, Miss Caroline Strong, Miss Maggie Fisher, Jesse Soules, Henry Homes, Mrs Albert, col Thompson, Miss C WM. N. BERKLEY, Postmaster.

## COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, January 19 .- There appears to be a slightly better feeling in the market to-day, but prices have not advanced. Flour continues quiet and unchanged. Receipts of Wheat amounted to 1370 bushels, which sold at 125a135, as to quality. Corn is dull and heavy, and 840 bushels were offered and sold at

BALTIMORE. Jan. 19.—Va. 63 deferred 41; do. I chase money to be paid in cash, and the residue consolidated, 543; do. 2d series —. Cotton dull in three equal annual payments from the day of and lower; middling 103a11. Flour firmer, but sale; the deferred payments to be evidenced by not quotably higher. Wheat—Southern firmer, higher and quiet; Western firmer and higher; Southern red 120a138; do. amber 142; Penna red 133a135; No 2 Western winter red spot and Jan 134; Feb 135. Corn-Southern quiet and Jan 134; Feb 135. Corn—Southern quiet and firm; Western active, firmer and higher; Southern white 48a54; do. yellow 52.54; Western mixed spot and Jan 55; Feb'y 55½; March 56½; Western steamer 51a51½. Oats quiet and unchanged. Rye nominal. Hay dull and unchanged. Coffee firmer, but not quotably higher. Sugar steady and firm at 95.39½. Whiskey dull at \$1 074.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Stocks weak. Money 6a7. Gold 101 a1013. Flour heavy. Wheat ic

better. Corn hale better. BANK STATEMENT .- New York, Jan'y. 19 .-The following is the weekly bank statement. Loans, decrease...... \$2,955,100 1,334,300 2,385,300 Specie, increase..... Legal tenders, increase...... 2,306,300 Deposits, increase..... Circulation, decrease..... 3,193,025 the legal requirements.

A London grain circular of yesterday says:-"The provincial grain markets report the grain trade as inanimate, especially for wheat, the value of which is generally nominal, and in some cases rather lower on the spot. The sales of maize were moderate, with the turn in favor of buyers. At this market there was a limited demand from the few millers present, and the transactions in wheat were unimportant, sellers accepting a decline of fully 1d per cental from the currencies of Tuesday. Corn was in moderate request; mixed old was 3d per quarter cheaper, while new maintained the previous rates."

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JAN'Y. 19. 

SAILED. Stmp E C Knight, New York, by F A Reed. Str J W Thompson, Nomini, by F A Reed.

Schr J J Spencer, from Boston for Washington, D.C., was wrecked in a late gale on Watchaprigue shoals. Sails and part of the material saved and taken to Norfolk. The Spencer was 210 tons register, built at Bridgeton, N. J., in 1855, and hailed from Boston.

The steam tug Royal Arch, from Wilmington, N. C., for Baltimore, in attempting to go through New Inlet on Saturday last, grounded where she remained about nine hours before where she remained about hine hours before the flood tide came in sufficiently to drift her off. The accident resulted in breaking one of the flanges of the propeller, besides doing some other slight damages. She was on the marine railway on the 15th undergoing the necessary repairs before proceeding on her voyage. The Royal Arch formerly ran on the Potomac.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, January 17th, at the M. E. Church, by Rev. W. C. Webb, GEORGE E. HEPBURN and AMANDA E. KNIGHT, both of this city.—Baltimore, Washington and Leesburg papers please copy.

J. P. POSS, Paperhanger and Upholsterer, Residence, No. 60 North Patrick st,

Alexandria, Virginia. Making and laying carpets and oil cloths, trimming and hanging window shades and lace curtains. Paper hung at 10 cts. per roll. Persons wishing to have work done will please leave orders at my residence, or at Lunt & Davidson's Drug Store. Work executed with promptness, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders for work in the country promptly attended to. jan 8-3m IRON FRAME CENTENNIAL BRACKET SAWS, with boring attachment at \$4.50 cash; AND THE KNOX FLUTING MACHINES. on stands, six inch rollers, at \$3, for sale at 88

ing street to close out. JNO. T. CREIGHTON & SON. A XLE GREASE! AXLE GREASE!!

40 cases of AXLE GREASE, in store and for sale in lots to suit the trade by McLEAN & UHLER. 107 King st.

WINDSOR COFFEE POTS. Another lot of the above coffee puts, received and for McLEAN & UHLER'S,

AUCTION SALES.

By F. A. Kerby, Auctioneer. TRUSTEE'S SALE-Under authority of a deed of trust from Charles Brill, executed April 1st, 1872, to secure the payment of \$3,000 and the unpaid interest thereon, recorded in book No. 2, page 248, in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court, the subscriber, as trustee, will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of February, 1878, in front of the door of the Market building, on Royal street, Alexandria, Va., a LOT OF GROUND, with a THREE STORY BRICK STORE HOUSE thereon, situated on the east side of Royal street, between King street and Market space, fronting 18 feet on Royal street, and 77 feet 6 inches deep, binding upon a court and alley in the rear, 10 feet wide, which com-municates with Market alley. jan 17-td JNO. S. CHAPMAN, Trustee.

BY VIRTUE OF DECREE OF THE CIR-CUIT Court of Prince William county, entered on the 12th day of May 1875, in Harper vs. Russell, asuit in equity therein pending, the undersigned, commissioners, will, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1878, that being court day, proceed to sell by public auction, to the highest bidder, before the front door of the Court House of Prince William county, the two following PIECES OR PARCELS OF LAND, being part of the estate of the late Jeremiah Dowell, viz: One tract containing 212 acres and 25 poles, and the other containing 05 acres, 2 rods and 28 poles

Terms of Sale:-For cash sufficient to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue on a credit of one, two and three years with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bonds with good personal security and the retention of the title until the payment of the same.

J. J. DAVIES. A. NICOL,

By Green & Wise, [Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]
TRUSTEE'S SALE—Under authority of a L deed of trust from Job Corson, dated August 6th, 1872, to secure the payment of \$800 and the unpaid interest thereon, recorded in book No. 2, page 394, in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court, the subscriber, as trustee, will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, on WED-NESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1878, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, on Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., a LOT OF GROUND, with a FRAME DWELLING

thereon, situated on the north side of Queen st . between Pitt and Royal streets, 20 feet front by 64 feet deep. JNO. S. CHAPMAN, Trustee.

jan 4-ts By Green & Wise, PYVIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, ren dered at the September term, 1877, in the suit of T. C. Ring against The Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company and others, the undersigned, commissioners therein named, will proceed on SATURDAY, the sixteenth day of February, 1878, at twelve o'clock m., to sell by public auction, in front of the Market Building, on Royal street, in the said city of Alexandria, Va., the whole of THE ALEXANDRIA AND FREDERICKSBURG RAIL. WAY, extending from the southern end of the Long Bridge, in Alexandria county, Virginia, to Quantico, in Stafford county, in said State, together with all and singular its franchisos, rights, interests, privileges, property and estate, real, personal and mixed, where soever situate and by whomsoever held. The rolling stock of

said railway consists of Four (4) Locomotive Engines. Five (5) Passenger Cars.

Two (2) Combined Passenger and Baggage Cars. Two (2) Baggage Cars.
Twenty-one (21) Gondola Cars [freight.] Terms of Sale: Ten per centum of the purin three equal annual payments from the day Cf the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest, with security satisfactory to said commissioners of sale; the title to said property to be retained until the purchase money is fully paid; the pur-

chaser not to be let into possession until the sale shall have been confirmed by said court.

M. H. WELLS,
FRANCIS L. SMITH, Jr.,
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Commissioners of Sale.

By Green & Wise, (Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.)
DUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC SALE

-OF THE—

VIRGINIA TELEGRAPH LINE.

By authority of a deed of trust made to me by the Virginia Telegraph Company, bearing date the 1st of July, 1871, to secure the payment of the first mortgage coupon bonds of said company; also a deed of trust bearing date 1st of January, 1873, to secure the payment of the second mortgage coupon bonds of said company, both deeds having been duly recorded in all the counties through which the telegraph lines run, I will, as trustee named in said deeds, offer for sale by public auction, in the city of Alexandria, Va., in front of the city Court House, on TUESDAY, the 29th of January, 1878, at 12 o'clock m., the ENTIRE PROPERTY OF THE SAID VIRGINIA TELE-GRAPH COMPANY, to wit: The line of telegraph extending along the Washington City, Virginia Midland and Great Southern Railroad from Alexandria to the town of Staunton, in from Alexandria to the town of Staunton, in Augusta county; and from Alexandria, along the Washington and Ohio Railroad, to the towns of Leesburg, Hamilton and Clarke's Gap, in Loudoun county—is all about 200 miles of wire—together with their rights, franchises, instruments, poles, wire, insulators and brackets be-

longing and appertaining to the said telegraph Terms of Sale: One third cash on day of sale; the residue in two equal instalments, payable in three and six months from day of sale. The bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security, will be required for the deferred payments. The title to be retained until all the purchase money be paid. The property to be resold at the expense of the purchaser upon failure to comply with terms of sale.

dec 31-ts CHAS. R. HOOFF, Trustee.

## THOS. HOY'S NEW STOVE STORE

S. W. COR. KING & ST. ASAPH STS. Having removed into my new store with a large stock of STOVES of every description and an endless variety of TINWARE and other goods kept in that line, I invite those in want of such goods to call and examine my stock, believing can satisfy them both in price, kind and quality.
My facilities for doing all kinds of work, such
as repairing Fire Place Heaters, Parlor, Dining Room and Cook Stoves, also Roofing, Guttering and Spouting, have been greatly enlarged and improved, enabling me to do such work at the

hortest notice, HOTAIR FURNACES, for heating churches public buildings and dwellings, a specialty.
All work warranted to give satisfaction.
Prices for goods, new work and repairing as

low as the lowest.

DOLICE NOTICE Notice is hereby given to those merchants on King street who continue to keep dry goods boxes and show cases on the side walk of that street, in front of their stores, that unless said boxes and cases be forthwith removed, so as to leave the side walks unobstructed, said merchants will be proceeded against in accordance

with the corporation ordinances. By order of the Mayor:
G. W. CLIFFORD, Supt. of Police

AMERICAN OIL CABINET FOR LUBRICATING. BURNING OILS.

The very best thing for the purpose yet invented; invaluable to retailers. Call and examine specimen Cabinet. F. A. REED, Agent American Oil Cabinet Co.,

NAPTHA, SPIRITS TURPENTINE, &c.

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jal4-tr R. M. LAWSON & JAMIESON. SEWING MACHINES—We have on hand a few Sewing Machines that will be sold at very low prices. nov 27 E. S. LEADBEATER & BROI